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Hurricane coverage:

1 — New explosions expected at Crosby chemical plant, Houston Chronicle, 9/1/2017

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/houston-texas/texas/article/New-explosions-expected-at-Crosby-chemical-plant-12163386.php>

The first of nine failing freezer trailers filled with volatile chemicals exploded early Thursday at the problem-plagued Arkema plant in Crosby, sending a plume of black smoke into the community east of Houston and setting off a round-the-clock watch for inevitable explosions to come.

2 — EPA: Any toxic materials from Arkema plant fire not yet a concern, Reuters, 8/31/2017

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-storm-harvey-arkema-epa/epa-any-toxic-materials-from-arkema-plant-fire-not-yet-a-concern-idUSKCN1BB2B2>

Concentrations of any toxic materials released in a chemical fire at Arkema SA's (AKE.PA) flooded plant 25 miles northeast of Houston appear too small for concern for now, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said in a statement on Thursday.

3 — Harvey Has Morphed into a Multi-Pronged Environmental Disaster, New Republic, 8/31/2017

<https://newrepublic.com/article/144635/harvey-morphed-multi-pronged-environmental-disaster>

Air pollution, chemical and gas spills, dirty floodwater: Harvey is posing a unique threat to public health and an incredible challenge for the regional EPA.

4 — Update: Some taps are on in Beaumont, Beaumont Enterprise, 9/1/2017

<http://www.beaumontenterprise.com/news/article/Beaumont-could-be-without-water-for-days-12163451.php>

Some Beaumont residents are sharing on social media that their taps are back on and that water is coming out in a slow trickle.

5 — EPA says Harvey's floodwaters may contain disease hazards including bacteria, Reuters, 8/31/2017

<https://www.reuters.com/article/storm-harvey-water-epa/epa-says-harveys-floodwaters-may-contain-disease-hazards-including-bacteria-idUSL2N1LH20F>

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said on Thursday that floodwaters from Tropical Storm Harvey could contain bacteria and other disease agents as sewers overflow.

6 — Brazos River continues to rise with major flooding expected Friday, Houston Chronicle, 8/31/2017

<http://www.chron.com/news/houston-weather/hurricaneharvey/article/Brazos-River-continues-to-rise-with-major-12163814.php>

Brazoria County officials are warning that roughly 200 square miles of the county will be inundated with water from the Brazos River, which is projected to continue rising through Friday.

7 — New dangers lurk in Harvey's wake, Washington Post, 8/31/17

<http://wapo.st/2vxw4nm>

The water was leaving, at last. But, across Southeast Texas on Thursday, new dangers kept appearing in Hurricane Harvey's wake.

8 — Hurricane Irma holding steady as Category 3 storm in Atlantic, New Orleans Times-Picayune, 9/1/17

http://www.nola.com/hurricane/index.ssf/2017/09/hurricane_irma_powerful_cat_3.html#incart_2box

Hurricane Irma was holding steady Friday morning (Sept. 1) as a Category 3 storm in the Atlantic, forecasters with the National Hurricane Center said.

9 — Hurricane Irma Public Advisory, NOAA, 9/1/17

<http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/text/refresh/MIATCPAT1+shtml/010844.shtml?>

Update from 4 am CDT. Next update 11 am CDT.

10 — Gas prices surge as Hurricane Harvey continues to disrupt refineries, pipelines, The Oklahoman, 7/31/17

<http://newsok.com/article/5562364>

Gasoline prices surged Thursday as the remnants of Hurricane Harvey continued to disrupt refineries and pipeline operations, causing fuel shortages throughout Texas.

11 — Why has Harvey's rain been so extreme?, Houston Chronicle, 8/31/17

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/gray-matters/article/Why-has-Harvey-s-rain-been-so-extreme-12162150.php>

Even for one of the wettest and most flood-prone parts of the United States, the rainfall totals and flooding are breaking records. So, what has made Harvey such a prodigious rain producer?

12 — EDITORIAL: The disaster in Crosby is purely man-made., Houston Chronicle, 9/1/17

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/editorials/article/The-disaster-in-Crosby-is-purely-man-made-12165693.php>

All across Houston's chemical complexes, as Hurricane Harvey bore down, odors and flames settled into the cloud-filled sky. At least 32 air emission events were reported with the Texas Commission for Environmental Quality, and at least 20 chemical or gas leaks have been listed by the Coast Guard's National Response Center.

13 — EDITORIAL: Hurricane Harvey is a seawall moment for Houston, Houston Chronicle, 8/31/17

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/opinion/editorials/article/Hurricane-Harvey-is-a-seawall-moment-for-Houston-12165697.php>

"It would be impossible for any cyclone to create a storm wave which would materially injure the city." Isaac Cline, the chief meteorologist at Galveston's Weather Bureau, issued that expert - and grievously misinformed - opinion in an influential newspaper article published in 1891.

14 — Twelve steps Houston can take to address our flooding problem, Houston Chronicle, 8/31/2017

<http://www.houstonchronicle.com/local/gray-matters/article/Twelve-steps-Houston-can-take-to-address-our-12164836.php>

The Houston region has a major flooding problem. Denying this fact does a disservice to us all, because flooding will only get worse in the future as the intensity and frequency of severe rain events increases.

Other news:

15 — Grand Resilience: How a State Agency Pioneered Gas Technology and Bolstered Critical Supply, Power Magazine, 9/1/2017

<http://www.powermag.com/grand-resilience-how-a-state-agency-pioneered-gas-technology-and-bolstered-critical-supply/?printmode=1>

The Grand River Dam Authority (GRDA), a non-appropriated agency founded by the Oklahoma Legislature in 1935, has sought in recent years to diversify its power generating portfolio to ensure it can continue to reliably supply power to some portion of 75 of the state's 77 counties—including its direct customers, which include municipalities, a host of electric cooperatives, and 80 industrial and commercial customers

16 — EDITORIAL: 3 votes should be charm on fluoridating our water, Albuquerque Journal, 8/31/2017

<https://www.abqjournal.com/1054929/3-votes-should-be-charm-on-fluoridating-our-water.html>

The science is irrefutable and public sentiment has been heard ad nauseam for the past two years, but last week the seven-member Albuquerque Bernalillo County Water Utility Authority board still couldn't bring itself to resume adding fluoride to the county's domestic water system.

17 — Rain soaks state's east; 1 Arkansas city gets 10+ inches, floods, Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, 9/1/2017

<http://www.arkansasonline.com/news/2017/sep/01/rain-soaks-state-s-east-areas-flood-in-/>

More than 10 inches of rain fell Thursday on McCrory as the remnants of Hurricane Harvey blustered through eastern Arkansas, flooding streets and forcing many people to sandbag homes and businesses to combat rising waters.

18 — Low pressure system could form in Gulf by weekend, National Hurricane Center says, Baton Rouge Advocate, 8/31/2017

http://www.theadvocate.com/baton_rouge/news/weather_traffic/article_03f89650-8db0-11e7-b15d-6f044adff3fb.html

An area of low pressure could form over the southwestern Gulf of Mexico by the weekend, the National Hurricane Center said.

19 — Sienna Plantation residents hope the levee holds, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, 8/31/2017

<http://www.star-telegram.com/news/article170685267.html>

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